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¶1. As per reftel request, the approval process for marine scientific research vessels is handled by Econ Specialist Ana Maria Waflar and Econ Officer Lourdes Lamela (estimated departure 4/09). The Government of Spain requires a 6- month lead time notification for any research vessel which wishes to conduct research within Spain's EEZ waters. Requests that are not made in compliance with that 6-month time frame can not be guaranteed a response prior to the research dates. However, in the past, the GOS has been extremely cooperative with Post on short-notice visits.

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